

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Service List, D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-88/97-18 (Phase II)

(via email and regular mail)

FROM: Paula Foley, Assistant General Counsel

DATE: August 9, 2004

RE: Comments; Compliance Filing Requests; Service List

CC: Mary Cottrell, Secretary

Kevin F. Penders, Hearing Officer

On August 9, 2004, the Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Attorney General") filed a Notice of Intervention pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E, and filed comments addressing Verizon Massachusetts' ("Verizon") July 22, 2004 Compliance Filing in this proceeding. Parties wishing to reply to the Attorney General's comments may do so by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2004. In addition, the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") seeks responses from Verizon to two information requests regarding its Compliance Filing. The two Compliance Filing Requests are attached to this memorandum as Attachment A. Responses to the Department's requests are also due on Tuesday, August 17, 2004. Further, I have included with this memorandum as Attachment B, an updated service list for this proceeding. Please use this service list for all further correspondence in this proceeding.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (617) 305-3608.

#### ATTACHMENT A

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications ) and Energy on its own Motion regarding (1) implementation ) of Section 276 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ) relative to Public Interest Payphones, (2) Entry and Exit ) D.P.U./D.T.E Barriers for the Payphone Marketplace, (3) New England ) 97-88/97-18 (Phase II) Telephone and Telegraph Company d/b/a NYNEX's ) Public Access Smart-Pay Line Service, and (4) the Rate ) Policy for Operator Service Providers )

COMPLIANCE FILING REQUESTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY TO VERIZON MASSACHUSETTS August 9, 2004

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The following requests pertain to Verizon Massachusetts' July 22, 2004 Compliance Filing in this proceeding. Please submit Verizon's responses to the Department and the parties in hard copy and by email on or before 5:00 p.m., <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 17, 2004</u>.

- 1. Verizon's July 22, 2004 Compliance Filing includes proposed tariff pages that reflect a \$.34 increase in basic residential service rates to offset the revenue reductions associated with the re-pricing of payphone services. In the Department's June 23, 2004 Order in D.P.U./D.T.E 97-88/97-18 (Phase II) at 30, the Department determined that it was premature to decide the issue of cost recovery in advance of Verizon filing a petition for an exogenous cost adjustment under its Alternative Regulation Plan. If Verizon does not agree with the Department's finding, please explain why Verizon did not seek clarification of this point? Also, please explain why cost recovery through an exogenous cost adjustment petition is not appropriate in this case.
- 2. With regard to Operator Call Completion ("OCC"), Verizon indicates that OCC is neither mandatory nor offered at an unbundled rate. Will Verizon provide screening to block OCC calls to a PAL subscriber's line?

#### ATTACHMENT B

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

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D.P.U./D.T.E 97-88/97-18 (Phase II)

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